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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A multi-use notebook computer carrying case includes a top cover member and a bottom cover member. An accordion-like shroud connects the sides of the top and bottom cover members. A bottom tray having a height adjust mechanism is secured within the bottom cover member. The bottom cover member houses a plurality of drawers capable of being extended away from the bottom cover member to expose a storage compartment and provide additional working surface area. The bottom cover member further includes a height adjustable wrist pad. A protective windshield housed within the top cover member, is selectively engageable to protect against a hostile environment.

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